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ILLINOIS MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS

Who is affected?

All carriers, drivers or vehicles to which the current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations apply and all intrastate carriers, drivers or vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more, operated for the transportation of property or persons in the furtherance of any commercial or industrial enterprise, for hire or not for hire.

What are the Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?

Parts 390 through 393 and parts 395 and 396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. These regulations also apply to intrastate carriers, drivers and vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more.

What do these regulations require of the carrier?

Generally, they require carriers to be familiar with the regulations, employ qualified drivers, have safe, operable equipment on your vehicles and use it as prescribed, make mandatory certain parts and accessories, limit driver hours of service and set standards for inspection.

Levels of Inspection:

Commonly conducted inspections are the:

Level 1 – Full driver/vehicle inspection according to North American Standard;
Level 2 – The "walkaround" inspection;
Level 3 – Driver inspection only.

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In conducting roadside inspections, troopers will be checking all parts and accessories necessary for the safe operation of the motor carrier's vehicles.

STEERING – 393.209
SUSPENSION – 393.207

WINDSHIELD WIPERS – 393.78
TIRE TREAD – 393.75
WHEEL–393.205

OPERATIVE BRAKE
MISSING – 393.42
PRESENT BUT NOT OPERATIVE – 393.48
EMERGENCY AND – 393.45
SERVICE HOSE COUPLING – 393.46
MEANS FOR CHECKING CHECK VALVE–393.50(b)(1)

FUEL TANKS – 393.65
FUEL LEAKS – 393.67

REFLECTOR LEFT SIDE NEAR FRONT – 393.11
CLEARANCE LAMPS – 393.11
SIDE MARKER LAMP – 393.11

TRACTOR STOP AND TAIL LAMPS

STOP LAMPS – 393.25

OPERATIVE BRAKE
MISSING – 393.42
PRESENT BUT NOT OPERATIVE –393.48

FRAME CRACKS –393.201/396.3A1

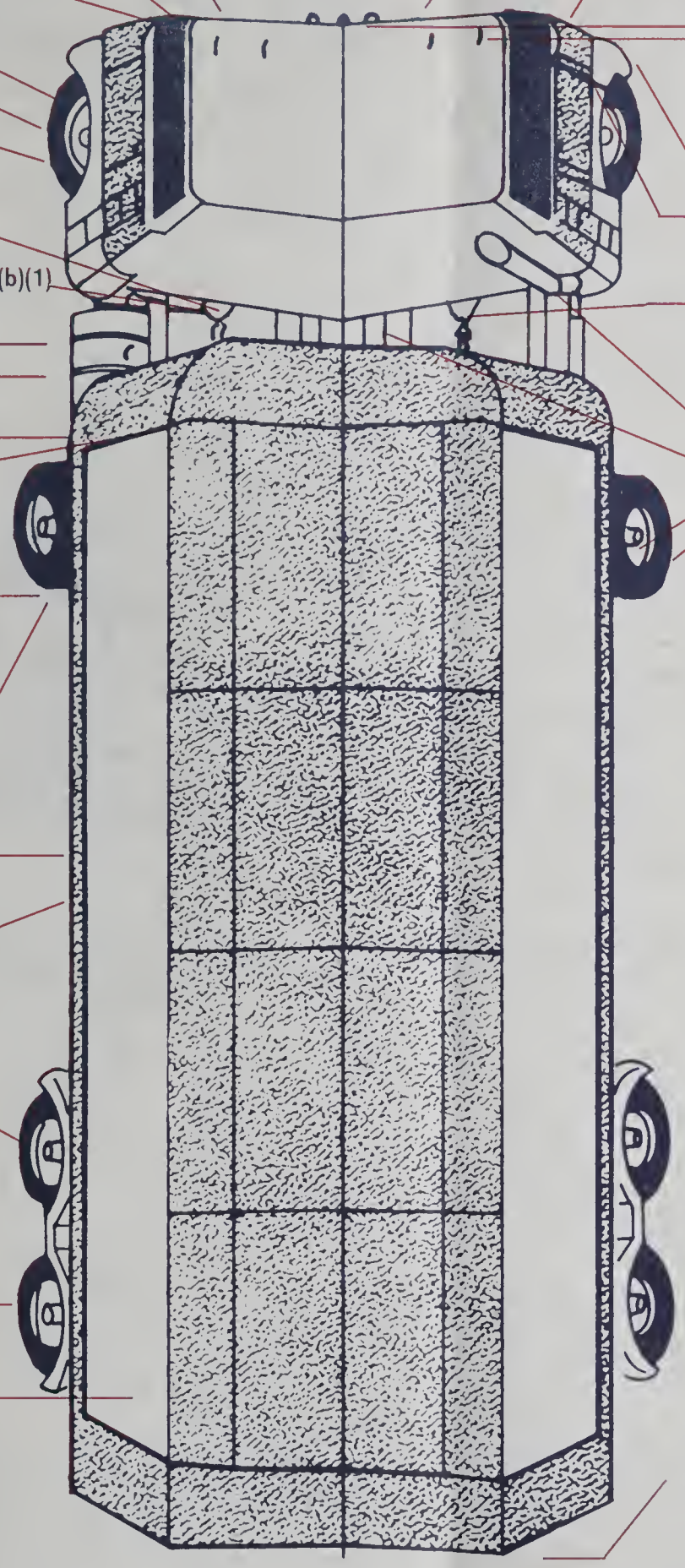
REFLECTOR MIDWAY
SIDE MARKER LAMP – 393.11

HOSES CHAFING – 393.45
HOSE CONNECTION LEAKS – 393.46
OTHER LEAKS – 396.3A1
SUSPENSION – 393.207

OPERATIVE BRAKES
MISSING – 393.42
PRESENT BUT NOT OPERATING –393.48

TIRE TREAD – 393.75

REAR SIDE MARKER LAMP
REAR SIDE REFLECTOR – 393.11



WINDSHIELD DAMAGED OR OBSTRUCTED – 393.60
HEAD LAMPS – 393.24
LAMP PRESENT BUT NOT OPERATIVE – 393.9
IDENTIFICATION LAMPS
CLEARANCE LAMPS – 393.11

TURN SIGNALS – 393.19
SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION – 393.19
REAR VIEW MIRRORS – 393.80

OPERATIVE BRAKES
MISSING – 393.42
BRAKE HOSES CHAFING – 393.45
CONNECTION AIR LEAKS – 393.46

EXHAUST LEAKS – 393.83
FIFTH WHEEL MOUNTING – 393.70
WHEEL LUGS–393.205
TIRE TREAD DEPTH – 393.75

INSIDE

SPEEDOMETER – 393.82
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LOW AIR WARNING – 393.51
PARKING BRAKE – 393.41
EMERGENCY BRAKE &
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SEAT BELTS – 393.93
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DEFROSTER – 393.79
HORN – 393.81
HOURS OF SERVICE–395.3
LOG VIOLATIONS – 395.8
DRIVER MEDICAL EXAM – 391.41
DRIVER UNQUALIFIED – 391.11/391.15

(Accessible on vehicle)
FIRE EXTINGUISHER – 393.95

REAR CLEARANCE LAMPS – 393.11
REAR IDENTIFICATION LAMPS – 393.11
REAR TAIL LAMPS – 393.11
REAR STOP LAMPS – 393.25
REAR TURN SIGNALS – 393.19
SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION OF TURN SIGNALS– 393.19

REAR END PROTECTION – 393.86

VEHICLE INSPECTION

In addition to roadside safety inspections, the Illinois State Police will provide, upon request, courtesy safety inspections at the carrier's place of business.

Q. How may carriers request a courtesy inspection?

A. Carriers may write or telephone the State Police Headquarters in the district in which the business is located and ask for a courtesy inspection.

Q. What will the trooper do during the inspection?

A. The trooper will inspect one or two vehicles with a company representative, pointing out the various items troopers in the field will be checking. Owners will then be able to ensure that all the vehicles in their fleet are in compliance with the Safety Regulations.

Q. When a vehicle is inspected along the roadside and found to have a violation, what will happen?

A. Depending upon the severity of the violation:

1. If the violation is of a serious nature (e.g., no brakes) the driver of the vehicle may be issued a traffic citation and the trooper will place an out-of-service sticker on the vehicle, in which case, the vehicle must be repaired before being operated.
2. If the violation is of a less serious nature (i.e., one taillight) the driver may be issued either a traffic citation or a written warning and advised to correct the violation as soon as possible.

Q. When documented defects are corrected, does the carrier need to mail proof of the repair to the Illinois State Police?

A. Only if the vehicle was placed out of service for the defects.

Q. When a vehicle is inspected and no violations are found, what will the trooper do?

A. The trooper will provide the driver with a copy of a notice that the vehicle had been inspected and no violations had been observed, and affix a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) decal to the vehicle, only if the vehicle passes a Level 1 inspection.

NOTE: Most mechanical defects found during roadside inspections could and should be discovered during pretrip or preventive maintenance inspections.

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